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Whitehall, January 6.

Letters from Fort St. George, in the East Indies, dated July 5, 1752, have brought the following Account.

THE President and Council of Fort St. George, having received Information ſometime ago, that the Chunda Saib, and his Allies, were endeavouring to harraſs us in our own Diſtricts, ſent for a Reinforcement from Bengal, and alſo ſent Capt. Clive to Madraſs, who having collected our Forces and taken the Field, found the Enemy ſtrongly encampeed at Vendaloor, a Place about 15 Miles diſtant from hence. The Enemy decamp'd in the Night, and took the Rout of Arcot, and were purſued by the Nabob's Forces; they gain'd Covereepaute about 60 Miles off, which Place was appointed for their Rendezvous, their Intention having been to ſurprize Arcot. Here an Engagement enſued, in which moſt of their European Forces were killed and taken Priſoners, and their Cannon and Baggage were alſo taken. Upon this Advice Capt. Clive was immediately ordered to march; he took St. David in his Way, and whilſt he was there, the Ship Dorrington arrived, with Major Lawrence, who, at his own Requeſt, had the Command of the Forces given to him, and he ſet out on the 17th of March from Fort St. David, at the Head of a Party of 400 Europeans and 1000 Seepoys, and took under Convoy a large Quantity of Stores and Ammunition for Trichinopoly, and proceeded, without Moleſtation, till he came with his Forces near Coiladdy on the 28th, when the Enemy ſtrove to take Advantage of his Situation, a ſtrong Detachment of French from Chunda Saib's Army having thrown up an Intrenchment in the Way he was to march, cannonaded him from it, and endeavoured to interrupt his Paſſage, which induced Major Lawrence, on the Nabob's Part, to return it, and occaſion'd the Loſs of ſome Men on both Sides, but, the Enemy not advancing, he went on the next Day for Trichinopoly, about 16 Miles diſtant, and as the Road was in Sight of the Enemy's Camp, they came out with their whole Force to oppoſe him. Major Lawrence, in order to ſecure the Baggage, marched to meet them; this brought on a Cannonading from them, which did him but little Damage, but his Guns galled the Enemy very much, and forced them to retreat into a hollow Way; upon this Major Lawrence drew off his Men, and join'd the Army that Night. In this Action the Enemy loſt above 300 Horſe, beſides Allam Cawn, a Man of great Intereſt in the Country. Chundah was ſoon obliged to raiſe the Siege of Trichinopoly, and collect his Forces in Syringham, a Neighbouring Iſland; and the Engliſh Forces having poſſeſs'd themſelves of all the ſtrong Poſts quite round it, they ſo effectually prevented Proviſions from coming to the Enemy, that Chundah's great Army of above 30,000 Men was diſperſed in leſs than two Months, and himſelf, with the French, and a few black Horſe and Seepoys, who held out, were in a miſerable Condition for Want of Suſtenance.

Upon this the Nabob ſummon'd them to ſurrender Priſoners, and after they had ſent Chundah in the Night Time to Monacjee, they deliver'd up the Iſland of Syringham on the 3d of June, on Condition that the French Officers ſhould have leave to go to Pondicherry on their Parole, never to ſerve againſt the Nabob or his Allies, and the Soldiers to be ſent to Europe by the firſt Opportunity, but in the mean Time to be kept Priſoners. As the Allies could not agree who ſhould keep Chundah, who was taken at Monacjee by the Tanjore Ally, to end the Diſpute his Head was ſtruck off.

The whole Buſineſs was done in a few Sieges and ſome Skirmiſhes, in ſeveral of which not a Man of our Forces was loſt, ſo that in reducing the Blacks to the Nabob's Obedience, and making 30 Officers and near 1000 European Soldiers Priſoners, we had not 50 Men killed.

M. Dupleix, at the Deſire of Salabad Jing, has ſolicited for a Peace, which the Nabob is willing to conſent to, provided it is made to our Satisfaction, as he owns himſelf much obliged to us.

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Leyden, Dec. 7. By Letters received here directly from Conſtantinople, we are informed, that ſome ſevere Shocks of an Earthquake have been lately felt in that City, and at Adrianople; and that the Damage cauſed thereby, particularly at Adrianople, are almoſt beyond Conception, whole Streets of Houſes, and ſome beautiful Moſques, having been entirely deſtroyed thereby, and Numbers of the Inhabitants buried under the Ruins. The ſame Letters add, that there has been a great Scarcity of Coffee at Conſtantinople, the contrary Winds having prevented the Arrival of the Levant Ships; of which an Armenian, and two Jewiſh Merchants, had taken the Advantage, and raiſed that Commodity to an exceſſive high Price. This Proceeding ſo violently enraged the common People, that the Grand Viſier was abſolutely obliged to cauſe thoſe three Merchants to be apprehended and put to Death before he could appeaſe them.

Florence, Dec. 9. Prince Eſterhaſi, Ambaſſador from their Imperial Majeſties to the Court of Naples, arrived here on Thurſday laſt from Rome, accompanied by his Spouſe, and his two Nephews, and followed by a numerous Retinue. Their Excellencies went immediately to an Apartment provided for them in the Palace; and, as their Stay will be but ſhort, they are entertained every Day by one or other of the Members of the Regency. 'Tis ſaid that ſome new Plans, for the Improvement of our Commerce, will be brought on the Carpet ſoon after the Return of Count Richecourt from Vienna.

Duſſeldorp, Dec. 24. We are informed by our laſt Letters from Bonn, that the Elector of Cologn is preparing for a Journey to Munich; and 'tis ſaid the Perſons, who are to attend his Highneſs in that Journey, are already named. General Trips, who arrived here ſome Time ago, in order to aſſiſt at the Aſſembly of the States of Juliers and Burghues, ſet out from hence a few Days ago for his Seat in the Neighbourhood of Aix-la-Chapelle.

Bruſſels, Dec. 25. Count Caunitz-Rittberg is daily expected here from Paris: It is believed he will ſtay here about a Fortnight, and then proceed on his Journey to Vienna. The high Duties that are at preſent fixed on Tobacco and Spirituous Liquors in this Country, having greatly diminiſhed the Conſumption thereof, 'tis ſaid an Ordonnance will ſoon be publiſhed for taking off a fourth Part of thoſe Duties.

Hague, Jan. 1. Laſt Friday her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Governante went, at the Head of the Council of State, to the Aſſembly of the States General, and laid before them the State of War for the Year 1753; on which Occaſion M. Beelarts, Deputy to the ſaid Council, on the Part of the Province of Holland, made an elegant Speech to that Aſſembly. We hear that the drawing of the Lottery of Obligations, which was agreed to by the States of Holland and Weſtfrizeland on the 4th of October laſt, will begin on Monday the 22d Inſtant. They write from Amſterdam, that ſix Ships belonging to different Chambers of the Eaſt India Company of thoſe Provinces, put to Sea from the Taxel on Tueſday laſt, one for Bengal, one for Ceylon, and four for Batavia.

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